

12th March 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

As you have probably already heard in the news, schools will be closed from Monday 16th March (classes 5-8) and from Wednesday 18th March (classes 1-4). The closure will be in place up to and including Friday 3rd April.

Preparation and planning for this unprecedented situation started first thing this morning and everything is running smoothly and efficiently. Pupils from the lower school (classes 1-4) have received an information sheet with a slip that should be completed and returned to the form teachers. You are asked to inform us (by Monday) whether you are able to provide supervision for your child at home within this period, or whether your child should be supervised at school.

Similarly, teachers are currently preparing materials that will enable pupils to revise topics already covered in class, and also begin working independently on new topics. We will ensure that the children are provided with appropriate materials for the period up until Easter. The information will be sent out using a variety of online communication methods.

This completely new situation understandably causes concern and raises questions, particularly with regard to assessment, exams (Schularbeiten) and tests. We are hopeful that the Ministry of Education and the Salzburg Education Authority will soon be able to provide clear answers to these questions. It is of course clear that everything possible will be done to ensure that no pupil will suffer any disadvantages as a result of this situation. We will keep you informed of everything relating to these topics.

In the light of this extraordinary situation, we ask for your patience and understanding that we are not able to provide immediate answers to all questions. I am hopeful that – working together – we will all be able to make the best of the situation.

Mag. Josef Zehentner
Principal